



## // POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 8 //

Hello and welcome to Issue 8 of the POP newsletter - containing information about creative call outs, opportunities, advocacy, support, funding, news and inspiration.

On Wed 26 August we're hosting a webinar with our five RL Arts Team Producers as an introduction to our new sector-based 'Artist Meet Up' events. If you're interested, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/tYcwcaAPNLZXSEgu7>

Please get in touch if you have any news, recommendations or ideas that you would like us to include in the next issue: [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

// AUG/SEPT 2020 //

## // OPPORTUNITIES //



*Distorted Constellations by Nwando Ebizie. Photo by Anya Arnold.*

For disabled artists/companies:

[@weareunltd](#) just announced their new commissions. There are 3 types of award:

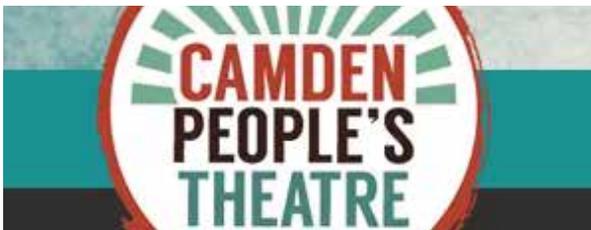
Main Commissions: £20-80k to create & share new work

R&D: £5-10k to test an idea

Emerging Artists: £2500-10k to create new work

DEADLINE: 27 OCT

More info - <https://weareunlimited.org.uk/unlimited-launches-new-commissioning-round/>



For artists & companies:

[@CamdenPT](#) are commissioning!

Outside The Box: £4k + inkind support to create socially distant/digital work

Starting Blocks: £750 for new experimental work

Seed Commissions: £750 for marginalised artists.

DEADLINE: VARIOUS, FROM 1 SEP

More info - <https://cptheatre.co.uk/get-involved/opportunities/>



For project managers, producers & music facilitators:

[@RawMusicMedia](#) in Brixton are looking for a Programme Manager who is a keen advocate for young people, mental health & music.

£30-35k, & you get to work with dream boss [@rachelnelken](#)

DEADLINE: 30 AUG

More info - <https://rawmusicmedia.co.uk/job-vacancies>

For producers: Three exciting jobs & opportunities.

Join the amazing [@SelinaNThompson](#) & Co in Birmingham!

<https://selinathompson.co.uk/about/jobs/>

Join [@people\\_united](#) in Kent!

<https://peopleunited.org.uk/2020/08/were-hiring-creative-programmes-producer/>

Apply to be the final producer in the 2020 Old Vic 12 cohort

<http://societyfordancerresearch.org/wp/ivor-guest-research-grants/>



Artist Commission - Take Me Somewhere

£4000 commission for a Scotland based artist working in performance to investigate new work for Take Me Somewhere Festival 2021.

In collaboration with the Festivals of The Future network we are excited to hold an open call to commission a Scotland-based artist to create a new performance work responding to the question "How can we be present in the absence?".

Deadline: 31 August 2020 at 12:00

More info - <https://takemesomewhere.co.uk/>

# GUILD HALL SCHOOL

For creative practitioners & facilitators:

[@guildhallschool](#) are looking for exciting, insightful & dynamic creative people to lead free online sessions responding to challenges & changes facing everyone in the sector. £250 fee.

DEADLINE: 26 AUG

<https://t.co/pWHIC1n6ox?amp=1>

# VISUAL ARTS / MUSIC FILM / THEATRE / CRAFT MAKERS DIGITAL ARTS DANCE



## FANCY MEETING UP?

Are you an artist or creative practitioner living or working in or near Renfrewshire? Are you interested in meeting other artists to collaborate, share practice and nurture talent? If so, we would love you to come along to our meet ups. RL Arts Team producers - Kate, Marie, Richard, Louise and Muriel Ann - are looking to form regular meet ups with artists / creative practitioners who have an interest in or

work within:

- Music | Film / Digital Arts
- Theatre / Dance | Visual Arts / Crafts Making

The first meet ups will be held online in early September. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please follow the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/tYcwcaAPNLZXSEgu7>



Join our *Meet the Producers Webinar* on August 26th at 16.00 to find out more about the meet ups and get to know the team.

## VISUAL ARTS ALLIANCE

*A Visual Arts Alliance*  
*What can, and should it achieve for the sector?*

Contemporary Visual Arts Network (CVAN)  
Thu 3 Sept : 14:00 - 15:00

Join our panel Julie Lomax CEO of [@anartistsinfo](#) Harold Offeh, Artist, and Sarah Munro Chair of CVAN and Director at [@balticgateshead](#) as they discuss the opportunity and thinking behind the Alliance and why it is needed now more than ever.

Get your free tickets: <https://bit.ly/3ldnq3C>

## #KeepArtInAction



Leading artists join calls for dedicated emergency funding for visual arts in Scotland as Scottish Contemporary Art Network launch new digital campaign [#KeepArtInAction](#)

“We’re launching our [#KeepArtInAction](#) campaign to show how vital contemporary art, and all of those whose livelihoods are supported by it, are to the future of this country as we rebuild.” *Clare Harris, Director of Scottish Contemporary Art Network (SCAN)*

Add your voice, join SCAN and keep up to date with the campaign here: <https://sca-net.org/>

## // ADVOCACY / NETWORKS Cont. //



### For dance artists & practitioners:

Cultured Mongrel, The Work Room and Keđja (a platform for the Nordic-Baltic contemporary dance community) invite you to settle in, find a comfy chair and join peers from all over Europe online for two days of keynotes, presentations, talks and dancing.

Stay for the whole thing or pick a favourite or two.

<https://www.culturedmongrel.org/current-projects/keđjastretch>

### For all theatre practitioners:

The Federation of Scottish Theatre are seeking expressions of interest from members willing to participate in Key Issues Working Groups.

[www.scottishtheatre.org/change/strategy-development/key-issues-working-groups-call-out-and-remit/](http://www.scottishtheatre.org/change/strategy-development/key-issues-working-groups-call-out-and-remit/)



### Students and Recent Graduates Forum - Freelance Task Force 28 August 2020 at 10:30

A session for recent graduates and students of any performance based, technical production or participatory arts disciplines in Scotland - offering space for the next generation people working in the sector to share their thoughts about our current circumstances and ideas on the future.

Meeting will have BSL interpretation and captioning.

More info - contact [scottishftf@gmail.com](mailto:scottishftf@gmail.com) (Jack Nurse)

<https://scottishfreelance.wordpress.com/>

## // SUPPORT / FUNDING //



<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-businesses>

This page provides information for local businesses, including support for people self-employed and who to contact for business and job seeker advice. We provide the most-up-to-date information we have on different measures and schemes being delivered by the Scottish and UK Governments as well as details of Renfrewshire's Coronavirus Business Support fund.



### #ShiftThePower Coronavirus Response Fund is now open!

The #ShiftThePower Coronavirus Response Fund will help grassroots organisations in Scotland to support vulnerable individuals, families, and communities, including coping with the impacts of Coronavirus.

The Fund will support projects that are community and people led - providing grants of up to £10,000 and is open to charities and voluntary organisations.

DEADLINE - 31 Dec 2020

More info - [www.corra.scot/grants/comic-relief-coronavirus](http://www.corra.scot/grants/comic-relief-coronavirus)



### Do It Differently Fund

The Covid-19 round of the Do It Differently Fund recognises that musicians are having to work in innovative ways due to the restrictions around social distancing. This fund aims to do the following three things:

Offers a package of support for professional, creative and wellbeing development

Enable creative independence for music creators who wish to explore working innovatively through digital methods

Encourage new habits and good practices of sustainable wellbeing

Do It Differently Fund awardees receive a grant of £3,000 to fulfil their chosen project, as well as bespoke 1-on-1 business guidance with some of the UK music industry's leading experts.

[www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/](http://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/)

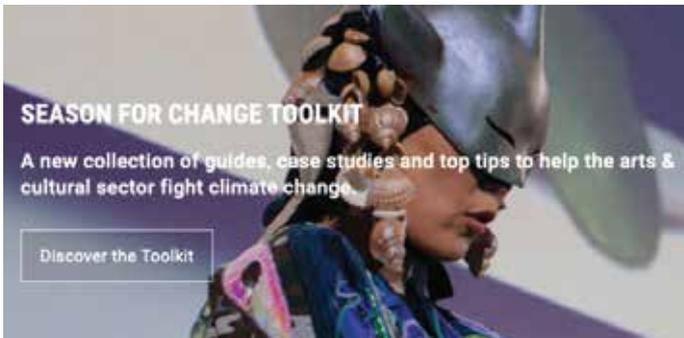
DEADLINE 14 Sept, 2020



## Sending out an SOS - **SAVE OUR SMA' SHOT COTTAGES!**

Sma' Shot Cottages need your help! Though they haven't been able to open this year, their work to preserve both the built fabric of the Sma' Shot Cottages complex and the remarkable collections within continues. However, current circumstances have impacted their fundraising efforts. There is a JustGiving page that has been set up to raise funds for day-to-day expenses of maintaining the historic eighteenth century weavers cottage and nineteenth century mill workers cottages, including essential insurances. Donate online here:

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/SmaShotcottages](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SmaShotcottages)



## **SEASON FOR CHANGE TOOLKIT**

The Season for Change Toolkit is an open-source, online collection of resources to help you to embed environmentalism into your practice. Organised into five sections, each chapter of the Toolkit is full of tips, guides and case studies to help you become part of Season for Change and join a cultural movement urging for climate justice.

Explore the Toolkit now: <http://ow.ly/6w2W50B3uig>



## **RENFREWSHIRE VACMA**

The next round of Creative Scotland & Renfrewshire Leisure's Visual Arts & Crafts Maker Awards (VACMA) will soon be open - with fixed level bursaries being made available to artists and craft makers living or working in Renfrewshire.

Deadline for applications will be Tues 27 Oct, 2020.

For the latest updates from Creative Scotland, follow:

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/VACMAScotland>

## **\*\*SIGN UP & STAY IN TOUCH\*\***

Keeping Renfrewshire's creative community connected, and supporting artists, makers and creative freelancers in the area through this time and into the future.

Please sign up, join in and stay in touch.



Future Paisley is radical and wide ranging programme of events, activities and investments using the town's unique and internationally significant cultural stories to transform its future.



We are looking for people of all ages and abilities to take part in our very first **Renfrewshire Fun Palaces Weekend: 3 & 4 October 2020**

To find out more about Fun Palaces visit:

<https://funpalaces.co.uk/about-fun-palaces/what-is-a-fun-palace/>

We have been working a range of partners over the past three months to deliver lots of fantastic **Tiny Revolutions Renfrewshire Activities**. So far, we have twelve to choose from - including ideas for creating simple stop frame animations, colourful twisted braids, 2 metre letters and recycled Buddy-the-Lion masks. Head over to:

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/arts-projects/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/arts-projects/) for inspiration...

Building on this programme, to coincide with the Fun Palaces weekend, we are launching a new **Creative Activity Map for Renfrewshire** and **WE WANT YOU** to be a part of it!

*Have you learned something new recently? A DIY skill perhaps?*

*Can you craft or cook and want to share your ideas or recipes?*

*Perhaps you can say or play a few bits of...?*

*Is there something you love learning about, and you want to tell everyone a bit about it...?*

*Or is there something that would surprise people about you, and you want to share these skills with us...?*

For more information on how to share your ideas and take part visit

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/)



## **UNCOVERED STREETS #uncovered\_streets**

An instagram feed set up by artist Sarah Grant -sharing a creative artists response to the 2020 Lockdown and the appearance of empty streets. Visit [www.instagram.com/uncovered\\_streets/](http://www.instagram.com/uncovered_streets/) to view the artworks and find out how to contribute.